

Dear Distinguished Members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee,

Applying an excise tax to ammunition in CT will negatively impact lawful gun users and their ability to train for safety and proficiency.

All purchasers of ammunition already pay an 11% Federal excise tax as required by the Pittman-Robertson Act. At current market price for the most common ammunition, .22LR and 9mm, this is an additional 20% to 16% increase.

Inflation has taken a toll on all CT residents and this is an excessive additional burden.

The Connecticut Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention has already been fully funded with \$2.9 million for FY2023, so surely this tax is unnecessary.

I oppose HB5653.

Thank you,
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